

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets include new and marked up copies of Figures 4A – 4C. Figs. 4B and 4C are unchanged. Fig. 4A has been amended as shown. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for considering the pending application. The Office Action dated July 9, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 15 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Currently claims 1-6 and 8-20 are pending and claims 8-14 have been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Office Action objects the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The attached replacement drawings overcome the objection to the drawings.

The Office Action also objects to claims 1, 2, 6, 15 and 16 for minor informalities. These claims have been amended accordingly. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated over US PG-Pub 2001/0019125 to Hong et al. (hereinafter "Hong") and claim 15-20 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hong in view of JP 6-77482 to Kubo (hereinafter "Kubo"). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Hong's filing date in the United States is January 2, 2001, and Hong's publication date is September 6, 2001. The present application's filing date in the United States is August 8, 2001. However, the present invention claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2000-45947 that was filed on August 8, 2000 in Korea. In order to perfect this priority claim a verified translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2000-45947 is included herewith. Therefore Hong is not prior art against the present application. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

Figs. 4A-4C

ANNOTATED SHEET
SHOWING CHANGES

Figs. 4A-4C

FIG. 4A

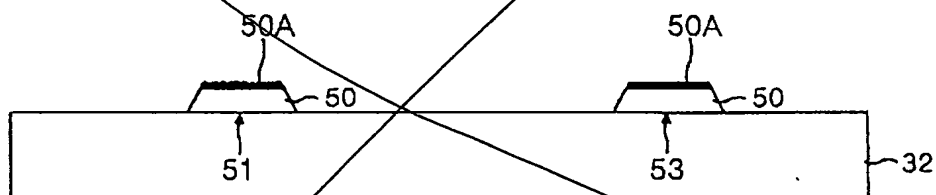


FIG. 4B

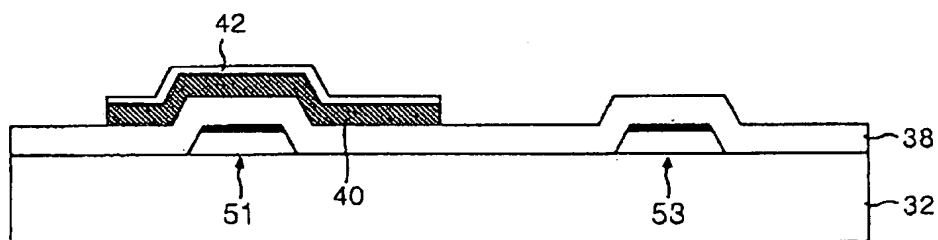


FIG. 4C

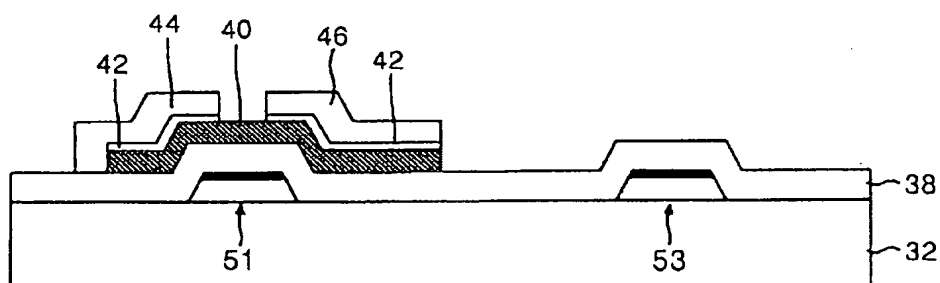
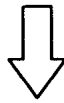
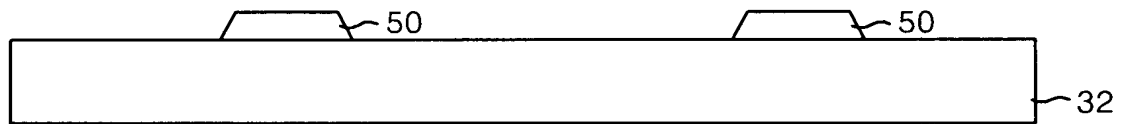
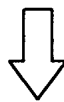
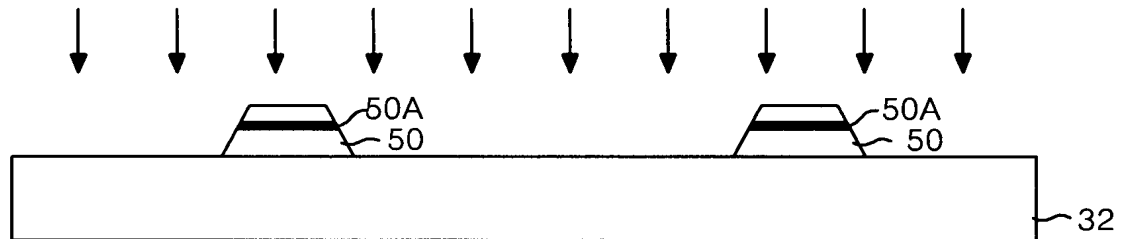


FIG. 4A



depositing Mo, Cr et al.



etching a residual Mo, Cr et al.

